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1. UK favors early end to German dismantling--According to US Ambassador Douglas in London, the UK is now in favor of a downward revision of the present dismantling program in Western Germany on a selective basis and even favors the fixing of an early cut-off date for dismantling. Douglas considers it quite possible that the British will suggest another meeting on the German problem by US, UK, and French foreign ministers before the end of the year and that, meanwhile, the British will press for a slowdown in dismantling. The Ambassador estimates that the new British attitude largely reflects concern over both the loss of British prestige in Western Germany and the incompatibility of continued dismantling with long-range western objectives in Germany.

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